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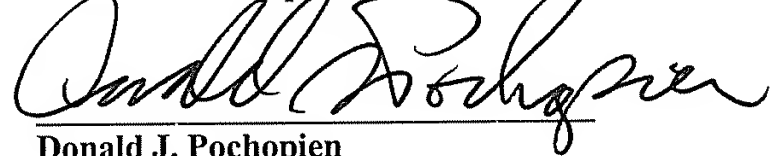
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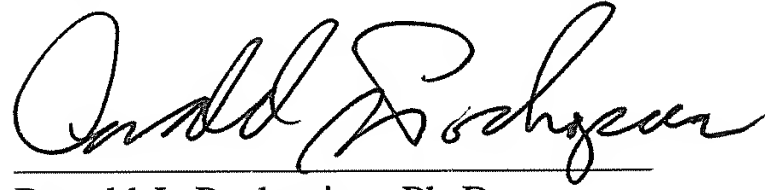
Sir:

In response to the final Official Action of 03/15/06, for which a Response
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Respectfully submitted,

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